

Minutes
CT Council on Developmental Disabilities
MEETING
January 14, 2014
Beth El Temple, West Hartford
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

The 186th meeting of the CT Council on Developmental Disabilities was held on Tuesday, January 14, 2014 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Beth El Temple, West Hartford.

Presiding: Bill Knight, Chair

Recorder of Minutes: Molly Cole, Director

Members Present: Chris Blake, Thomas Boudreau, John Curtin, Michelle Duprey, Jacqueline Jamison, Michelle Johnson, Mark Keenan, Bill Knight, Joyce Lewis, Zuleika Martinez, Sabra Mayo, Shelagh McClure, Meg McDermott, Melissa Morton, Antonio Orriola, Jim Rosen, Brenda Stenglein, Ada Suarez, Chris Sullivan, Robin Wood

Members Absent: Sarah Rafala, Bob Shea

Members Excused: Alicia Kucharczyk, Kathy Wolkner

Staff: Molly Cole, Cathy Adamczyk

Meeting Assistants: Peg Johnson, Rosa Serrano, Dan O'Brien

1. Call to Order. Bill Knight welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM. He confirmed that a quorum was present.

2. *Approval of Agenda: Sabra Mayo moved to amend the agenda to include amendment of minutes from March 12, 2013, and to add a discussion of the appointment of a new disability advocate by Governor Malloy. John Curtin seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

3. Amendment of minutes of March 6, 2012. Sabra Mayo moved to amend the minutes of March 6, 2012 and Zuleika Martinez seconded. Those members on the Council at that time approved the motion: Sabra Mayo, Zuleika Martinez, Bill Knight, Michelle Johnson, John Curtin, Mark Keenan, Ada Suarez and Jackie Jamison. Chris Blake, Tom Boudreau, Michelle Duprey, Joyce Lewis, Shelagh McClure, Meg McDermott, Melissa Morton, Antonio Orriola, Jim Rosen Chris Sullivan and Robin Wood abstained. Brenda Stenglein was not present for the vote. The motion carried and the minutes were amended.

4. Amendment of minutes of March 12, 2013. Zuleika Martinez moved to amend the minutes of March 12, 2013. Sabra Mayo seconded the motion. Michelle Duprey, Joyce

Lewis, Melissa Morton, Antonio Orriola and Robin Wood abstained since they were not on the Council at that time. Brenda Stenglein was not present for the vote. All other Council members approved the motion and the minutes were amended.

5. Approval of minutes from November 12, 2013. Michelle Duprey moved to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2013 Council meeting. Melissa Morton seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

6. Mission moment: Michelle Duprey did the mission moment, describing the shift in community inclusion over the years and the need to see the progress that has been made. The Council's work will promote further success and progress.

7. Director's Report and Budget: Molly Cole presented the Director's report and budget. There were no questions.

8. Discussion of the appointment of a Disability Advocate. The Council agreed that it would be important to invite Mr. Slifka to a Council meeting and to reach out to him in any other manner as well. Further discussion addressed the development of the Disability Caucus chaired by Beth Bye and the Family day event at the LOB on 1/22/14. The Council agreed that it is important to establish a collaborative process to address disability issues.

9. Report from the Executive Committee. Bill Knight reported on the Executive Committee meeting held on January 3, 2014. The purpose of that meeting was to decide on a request to co-sponsor an event with the Ct Community Providers Association. That event will focus on budget and supports for people with disabilities and will feature Allan Bergman as the speaker for the day. Day two will be a legislative breakfast. The Executive Committee approved the co-sponsorship, which did not commit any Council funds, but will feature the Council as a co-sponsor.

10. Consumer Involvement Fund. The Council allocated \$5,000 to support self-advocates and parents to attend meetings and conferences, and approved the application and reporting materials. However, there was no determination on who would approve the applications. Two protocols were discussed: The Proposal Review Committee could review and approve/deny the applications OR the Executive Committee could review and approve/deny the applications. The Council felt that the Executive Committee offered a more comprehensive perspective. Chris Sullivan moved that the selection of recipients for the Consumer Involvement Fund would be made by the Council chair and/or vice chair with a minimum of two other members of the Executive Committee. Any member who has a real or perceived conflict of interest would recuse themselves from the process. Tony Orriola seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

11. Disability Policy Seminar. This event is in Washington D.C. on April 7-9. There is funding to support two Council members. Eligible council members are those who have not previously been supported to attend a conference for the council, and whose terms are expected to last for at least one more year. Five individuals expressed interest and their

names were selected from a bag by Bill Knight. In order, the individuals and alternates are: Shelagh McClure and Sabra Mayo, with alternates Chris Blake, Michelle Duprey and Jackie Jamison.

12. Position Papers: The Council reviewed and edited their position papers on Housing, Transportation and Employment. John Curtin moved to adopt the Housing position paper and Meg McDermott seconded. The motion carried unanimously. There were suggestions for edits and additions to the transportation and employment position papers. Since these need to be finalized soon, Brenda Stenglein moved that the final approval of the Employment and Transportation position papers be accomplished through the Executive Committee. Zuleika Martinez seconded. All Council members were asked to submit edits to Molly Cole by Friday, November 22. The position papers will be edited and re-sent to the Council and will be discussed again in January.

13. Presentation on Danbury Transportation Issues. Frank Reed addressed the Council on a transportation initiative proposed by the City of Danbury Commission for Person s with Disabilities. The Council offered suggestions on potential partners and funding sources for this initiative and discussed the challenges in transportation.

14. Planning for the Public Forum in March. The council discussed the process to elicit public input. In addition to inviting people to come to the March Council meeting, they discussed receiving input in writing, via e-mail, video conferencing and visiting with stakeholders across the state. APIE will further address this plan in their committee meeting.

15. Committee Meetings: APIE, LPP, Membership and Proposal Review Committees met from 1:20 to 2:15 and each committee briefly reported out to the Council.

16. Adjourn. John Curtin moved to adjourn the meeting and Sabra Mayo seconded. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 2:33 PM.